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GRADUATING EXERCISES.

Diplomas Presented by President Huters to a Class of Eleven.

Quite a large audience assembled last evening in the chapel of the Lorimer public school to witness the exercises of the graduating class. Decorations consisting of evergreens and potted plants abounded and prominent on the stage was to be seen the class motto, "Struggling Upward." The programme presented was appropriate and quite entertaining and was much enjoyed by the audience. The program was as follows:

Declaration—St. John Honeyman

—Mattie Hall.

Declaration—Mad Anthony's Charge—Louis DeLisle.

Musie—Miss Ida Schulz.

Declaration—College Oil Cans—Maggie Morrison.

Declaration—Betsy and I are Out—May Shelton.

Musie—Erna Pott.

Declaration—Ulysses, Let's Wray.

Song—Lullaby—Juvenile Chorus.

Declaration—Brier Rose—Irma Bader.

Declaration—The Leap of Roushan Peg—Paul Loring.

Musie—Miss Cochran.

Address to Graduates—J. F. Fulbright.

Presentation of diplomas by President Huters of the Board of Education.

Too much could hardly be said in praise of those who furnished the evening's entertainment for their guests. All acquitted themselves most creditably and their work showed that they had been well taught and well trained. The address of J. F. Fulbright was listened to with close attention. This young man enjoys quite a reputation among his friends as a speaker, and they always expect something a little out of the ordinary when his name is on the programme, and it is needless to say that they were in no wise disappointed on this occasion.

The members of the graduating class are: Paul Loring, Mattie Hall, Irma Bader, May Shelton, Maggie Morrison, Letta Wray, Agn. Lorimer, Joe Nann, Edward Smith, Edie Clark, Louis DeLisle.

An Excellent Fish Story.

Some of the boys who went out on that fishing excursion Sunday to Brookfield's pond were entertaining a number of friends with an account of the trip. Stories were told of the size of the fish, their willingness to bite, etc., when one of the crowd remarked: "I never saw such a place for fishing. The fish would gather around the hook and fight with each other to see which one should take the bait. All seemed eager to be caught, and they acted as though they really preferred a trying pan to the pond. When we left home we forgot to take some hard money to try the fish in, and by some unknown means the fish in the pond must have learned of this and communicated the news to each other. I caught eight good sized perch and each one had a small bucket of hard fastened around his neck. It was wonderful I never saw the like before, and I'm sure Brookfield's pond can't be beat for a fishing place."

Gockel got his Men.

The Gockel-Gotter of yesterday contains the following:

Monroe and Reuben Benson were arrested at the gates of the Missouri penitentiary yesterday by Bernhard Gockel, chief of police of Cape Girardeau, Mo. The men were brought to St. Louis and placed in the holdover for safekeeping, being wanted in Cape Girardeau on a charge of murder. They are said to have beaten a man named William Looney, of Jackson, to death about five years ago. The men had just finished a sentence of five years in the penitentiary for grand larceny.

People at home do not need to be told that Mr. Gockel is not the chief of police of Cape Girardeau, but the sheriff of this county. That however, makes little difference so far as the interest of the article is concerned. Sheriff Gockel was on the alert and when their time expired in the penitentiary at Jefferson City he was on hand and arrested them on the murder charge.

The men were brought to Jackson and placed in jail and will have to stand trial on the charge of murdering William Looney.

June 12th to 18th.

Dr. L. P. Ruff will be at the St. Charles Hotel in Cape Girardeau June 12th to 18th, inclusive. Up-to-date dental work in all its branches. Teeth extracted without pain. Remember the dates, June 12th to 18th.

MUCH LITIGATION.

Promised Over the Impounding of Three Calves.

We believe it was the Apostle James who remarked on one occasion, "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth," or words to that effect. A very little incident occurred in Jackson recently which may give rise to a considerable amount of litigation.

Mike Daly, who resides there had three young calves in a pasture. Early one morning they happened to get out and while they were browsing around some one informed John Macke, the marshal and he placed them in the pound. Mr. Daly heard of it and hid himself straightway to the house of the officer in order to negotiate for their release. According to the story told the DEMOCRAT, Daly wanted the calves released from the pound and tendered the usual fee. He and the officer had some words over the matter and later indulged in a scrap with the usual prize ring accompaniments. At its conclusion Daly was taken to the calaboose by the officer and incarcerated. He sent for an attorney and the latter at once made arrangements for his release.

The next act in the drama took place in court where the circumstances were all detailed and the result was that Daly and his stock were released from custody and the costs of the case taxed against the city. But Daly's attorney does not propose to let the matter drop here and will bring suit against the city for false imprisonment. Hon. Wilson Cramer is Daly's attorney.

The DEMOCRAT's informant stated that there was no telling just when the matter would end.

Stars Justice in Cairo.

There are some as fine people in Cairo as can be found anywhere, and at the same time that pretty little city is cursed with a class of negro thugs and toughs that are a great drawback to the place. The point has been reached, however, where the people here determined that there must be a change and that this element shall be given to understand that if they are to remain in Cairo they must conduct themselves properly. On December 29, 1898, one of the members of this class was hanged for murder, another was swung off on April 29, and there is one more who is now under sentence of death. Crime has had its toll over the dashboard in Cairo for a number of years, and the things began to believe they owned the town and that the influence of their political friends was sufficient to save them from merited punishment. When the matter was brought to a practical test it was shown that this supposition was as idle dream. Cairo people are not bloodthirsty, they have no desire to hang a pall of mourning over the city, but they are determined that unscrupulous people shall have respect for the law and a wholesome fear of prompt and severe punishment when they violate it. The terrible examples made of those three who have outraged the law and taken human life on trivial pretenses, must have a salutary effect.

A New Wagon.

Bellevue, Iowa, Herald: George W. Long, of Delaware, Iowa, has invented a three wheel wagon designed expressly for delivery business. One of the vehicles is in use at Manchester and is thus described by the press: "The wagon has only three wheels, the odd wheel being located under the center of the rear end and swings upon a pivot, very much like a caster. The box is equipped with various conveniences for carrying flour sacks, cans, etc., and if the vehicle proves to be all that the inventor anticipates many other improvements will be added. Of course the wagon on exhibition is somewhat crude in finish, for it was designed merely to demonstrate its utility and improvement over the old kind. Mr. Long has applied for a patent, which will be issued to him without doubt, and if after a trial it proves to be a success he will arrange for its manufacture on a large scale and put on the market."

Are You a Member?

A minister in a town not a thousand miles away, on a recent Sunday, surprised his audience by reading the following announcement from the pulpit: "The regular session of the Donkey Club will be held as usual at the close of the services. Members will line up just outside the church door, make remarks and stare at the ladies who pass, as is their custom. Any member known to escort a young lady to church like a man, sit with her like a gentleman during the service, escort her home like a gentleman, will promptly be expelled from membership."

ECHOES OF A NOTED CASE.

William Newby, the Principal Actor Now in the Poor House.

All readers of newspapers are familiar with the celebrated Newby case, who was charged with impersonating a deceased soldier and drawing his pension for years. All who have met the man and talked with him are convinced that he is either a most accomplished liar and scoundrel or a much wronged man, and many persons who are familiar with the circumstances of his case are inclined to the latter opinion. The Mt. Vernon, Ill., Republican contains the following reference to Newby:

"William Newby and wife were on Saturday admitted to the county poor house at Montgomery City, Mo. This old man, seven years ago, was the central figure in the noted pension fraud trial that took place in Springfield, Ill., where he was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year for attempting to defraud the government. He served nine months in the penitentiary and was then pardoned out. He is well known here and those old soldiers who believe that he is really the original William Newby will learn with profound regret of his present environment. The old man is trying to have his pension claim renewed by a claim agent in the Missouri town."

A Needed Reform.

In spite of our boasted civilization, and advancement there is much need of missionary work among us in one respect, and it must be said that the newspapers stand more in need of these missionary efforts than any of our great moral and educational agencies. We have never yet reached the point where we can be perfectly fair to a political opponent. If we affiliate with a certain political party it is hard for us to get it in our hands that the members of some other party may be just as sincere and honest in their opinions as we are in ours. We possess all the political truth, wisdom and honesty, and the other fellow has none. As a general thing the actions of a Republican president or other high official, no matter how wise or patriotic they may be, are condemned by Democrats. We can see no good in them, we will not admit that the motives actuating them rise any higher than a desire for party aggrandizement, and we seldom have a word of commendation for them. It is also so as to the views of Republicans regarding democratic measures. This is not as it should be, there is no spirit of justice or fairness about this and we should cultivate a different feeling. We should bear in mind that both Democrats and Republicans are citizens of a common country and all have the good of that country at heart. Each party strives for what it conceives to be the best interest of the people, but each has different means and different methods of reaching the same end. We may disagree about the tariff, the money question, the expansion theory, etc., and endeavor to convert each other, but we may still hold to the opinion that we are all reasonably honest, mean well, and have formed our political views according to our understanding of the facts and the evidence presented.

Let us try to get to the point where we a public official really deserves our praise and commendation, we can give it to him without first stopping to inquire whether he is a Democrat or a Republican. There is no need of any bitterness between the two parties even in campaign years. We should of course stand up for what we believe to be the correct policies, and should defend them upon all occasions. This however, can be done in a dignified gentlemanly manner and without any effort at abuse or vituperation. It might be well if we would all endeavor to educate ourselves a little along this line.

Panther in Illinois.

Campbell Hill, Illinois: A ferocious looking animal, presumably a panther, was seen near Barrow & Cluster's saw mill, three miles north of town, one day last week. Charlie Minter while hauling logs to the mill, saw the animal lying under a fallen tree top and at first thought it was a dog, but upon closer scrutiny he became convinced that it was something of a far more savage nature. Charlie hastened to the mill and related the circumstance, whereupon George Cluster proposed that they go back to the woods and make a closer investigation. When they arrived upon the scene the animal was still there but didn't seem to appreciate their proximity and arose and slowly walked away. Not being armed, they didn't dare attack so formidable a creature.

BECKHAM IS GOVERNOR.

So the Supreme Court of the United States Decides in the Kentucky Case.

The Kentucky muddle has been decided by the Supreme Court of the United States, and the decision leaves Beckham as Governor of the State. The opinion was delivered by Chief Justice Fuller, and dissenting opinions were submitted by Justice Harlan, Brewer, Brown and McKenna. Without the slightest desire to impugn the motives of the court, it would appear to a layman that the contention that the court had no jurisdiction in the matter is hardly in accordance with the rules either of law or equity. Justice Harlan covers the point when he says in his opinion. "When the fourth amendment forbade any state from depriving any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, I had supposed that the purpose was to guard citizens against being deprived of any legal right in violation of the fundamental guarantees that inhere in due process of law." The constitution of Kentucky provides that contested elections for Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be determined by the general assembly. Upon a strictly legal construction of the matter there is no going back of the fact that the legislature decided that Goebel was the lawful governor. There were enough Democrats on hand to make this result certain. They decided the case, not on its merits but from a strictly partisan standpoint. Had the Republicans been in the majority the decision would of course have been for Taylor. An act by an individual or by a collection of individuals may square with the strict letter of the law and yet an injustice may be done and some person deprived of his rights in the premises. It is in cases of this character that our courts of equity step in and afford the relief which cannot be obtained in a law court. It can hardly be claimed, we think, by those familiar with the circumstances in this case that either justice or equity had any place in the decision of the Kentucky legislature on this point, and a wrong was committed when it seems to us the Supreme Court should have investigated. This court however, rules otherwise and its decision must be accepted as final.

There is one phase of this subject which must fill people with alarm for safety of our institutions, the purity of the ballot box and the right not alone to vote, but to have that vote counted. Taylor was unquestionably elected Governor of Kentucky, and many Goebel partisans freely admit this. The majority received by Taylor must have been honestly obtained, for even had the Republicans desired to steal votes for their candidate, how in the name of all that's curious could they do it with all the election machinery in the state in the hands of the Goebel men? It should also be remembered that when the Democrats, by careful figuring had reduced the majority of Taylor from something over 30,000 down to about 2,500 even then the election commissioners who were all Democrats but one, declined to have any hand in the dirty work and gave a certificate of election to Taylor. From the time Goebel secured the nomination at Louisville by such questionable methods, it was the avowed purpose of his friends to seat him as Governor no matter who was elected.

The question, though settled as to who shall be Governor of Kentucky yet leaves the people of that state in a situation where they may feel like hesitating before going to the polls again. Beckham's possession of this office is tainted with the worst kind of fraud, and the whole conspiracy from beginning to end will always be a burning disgrace to Kentucky and will go down in history as the most damnable outrage against the rights of American citizens that was ever perpetrated in this country.

Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of stockholders of the Kennett & Osceola Railroad will be held at the office of the company in the city of Cape Girardeau, on Monday, July 2nd, 1900, at eleven o'clock A. M., for the purpose of submitting to said stockholders the proposition to guarantee principal and interest of \$25,000 First Mortgage Bonds to be issued for the purpose of constructing a railroad from the State Line of Missouri and Arkansas, where the line of the Kennett & Osceola Railroad terminates, to Leechville, in Arkansas, there to form a junction with Jonesboro, Lake City & Eastern Railroad, and to transact such other business as may on said day come before the stockholders. E. F. BLOMEYER, President. R. B. ANDREWS, Secretary.

FORMER CAPE RESIDENT.

Has an Adventure in St. Louis and It Lands Him in the City Hospital.

Fritz Theuerkauf, 43 years old, a baker employed at the Dozier bakery and living at 2633 Caroline street, was sent to the City Hospital at noon Monday, after a very narrow escape from death. The hospital physicians believe his mind has been unbalanced by the strike.

About noon Monday, as car 64, of the LaClede avenue line, was moving east on Market street near Eighteenth, the motorman noticed a crowd of about 500 persons at a corner. At the same time he saw a figure which appeared to be a dummy lying on the tracks. The motorman turned to Patrolman Patrick Borden, of the mounted district, who was guarding the car, and remarked, "Watch me knock—the dummy." He threw a full current on and the car shot ahead.

When the supposed dummy was first noticed the car was about 200 feet away. As the motorman put on the full current Policeman Borden looked ahead to see that the track was clear. The supposed dummy was stretched across the track with his head resting on one rail and his feet on the other. As the car had approached within 30 feet of the supposed dummy, Officer Borden saw the figure move, and cried out that it was a live man on the track. The motorman applied the brake, shut off the current and brought the car to a standstill, with the fender within a few inches of Theuerkauf's body.

When Borden questioned the man he said he wanted to stop the street cars, and he thought his method the easiest and quickest. The man appeared to be demented, and it was decided to send him to the City Hospital for observation.

The Strike in St. Louis.

A gentleman in this city has received a letter from a St. Louis friend in which the writer says:

"You ought to be here and enjoy the strike. When it began I smelt trouble, so I moved down town. I have a room about as big as a good sized door mat but there is room to sleep, and I like it better than riding in stake wagons. It would make you smile to see a dozen stake wagons line up in front of Barr's and fill up with girls. The wagons have signs, 'Taylor Avenue', 'Chippewa street' and so on. Some of the cars are running up to 6:30 p. m., but it is not safe to ride on any but the Suburban line. There was a first-class row at 6th and Pine Thursday night at 6:15. It was fortunately a good natured row. The crowd blocked the cars and plugged the switch on Pine street and made all the noise they could until driven away, but did no real damage. In fact they were out for fun and not for serious trouble, the only serious part being that it is not far from one to the other. I rather enjoyed the novelty of it for a day or two, but it is getting tiresome, even to people who do not suffer an actual loss."

Memorial Day—May 30th.

HEADQUARTERS: Just Post 173, G. A. R. W. T. Stewart Camp 14, S. of V.

PROGRAM.

Assembly at court house park at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Sons of Veterans assemble at Camp Room at 1:30 o'clock p. m. sharp.

The procession will form and start at 2 p. m. sharp in following order:

1. Pupils of Lorimer and Lincoln schools with flags and bouquets.

2. Drum Corps.

3. Just Post 173, G. A. R.

4. W. T. Stewart Camp 14, Sons of Veterans.

5. Bierwirth Post 402, G. A. R.

6. Citizens in carriages.

Line of march: West on Themis to Frederick, north on Frederick to Old City Cemetery.

CEREMONIES AT CEMETERY:

Reveille by life and drum.

Hymn.

Decorating of Graves.

Bugle call for Assembly.

Memorial Services.

Salute.

Hymn—"America" (by school children.)

Address by Comrade Ross, of Just Post.

A hearty invitation is extended to all children to bring each a bouquet of flowers and take part in the procession. Each will be presented with a flag.

A committee of young Ladies and Sons of Veterans will be at the court house at 8 a. m. May 30th and a liberal donation of flowers will be thankfully received.

THE COMMITTEE.

COERCING EMPLOYES.

Opinion of an Illinois Court on a Law of that State.

There is a law in Illinois which makes it a misdemeanor for an employer to discharge a man because he joins a labor organization. Recently a business man in Chicago was indicted for having violated this law, and on a motion of the defendant's attorney the indictment was quashed and the defendant discharged. The court said, among other things:

"A man is not a free man who is compelled to choose between uniting with a labor organization and being denied an opportunity, perhaps his only opportunity, to earn a living. One of the essentials of freedom is the right to have opinions not in harmony with those of the public authorities or of the majority. The major portion, if not all the prejudices of mankind are foolish, nevertheless free men are entitled to hold prejudices. The constitutional guaranty to every person of the right to freely speak, write and publish on all subjects necessarily involves the right to have opinions on all subjects, however much they may be condemned either by the legislature or the public."

Every citizen has a constitutional right to believe the Presbyterian, the Catholic, the Unitarian, the Mormon Church or the journeyman plumber's association to be prejudicial to good morals and harmful to society; so believing he has a right to attempt to prevent the tutor of his children joining such society, and to discharge such teacher if he persists in uniting. The employee is not thereby deprived of freedom. Freedom does not consist in any part in a right to be employed by or work with any particular person or the members of any particular society. Nor is any person deprived either of freedom or a lawful right because the members of the plumber's labor union or the Presbyterian church, each lawful organizations refuse to work for or associate with him. Nor, under the constitution can such refusal be made a criminal offense by a legislative act denouncing it as unlawful coercion and subjecting the offender to fine and imprisonment. Under this law a father and mother having agreed to unite and having joined in attempting to prevent their son from joining and belonging to a lawful labor organization might be indicted and punished for unlawful conspiracy.

A RECORD BREAKER.

Young Man Pays \$45.15 for Beating His Way Across the Continent.

The general passenger agent of a certain railroad calls attention to a case of awakened conscience which he considers a "record-breaker." A few weeks ago he received from a clergyman a letter stating that a young man who had recently been converted under his ministrations desired to make restitution to the railroads for a journey from Roanoke, Va., to Los Angeles, Cal., he having "beat" his way for the entire journey. The route was: Roanoke, Va., to Lynchburg, Va., via N. and W. Railway; Lynchburg, Va., to Charlotte, N. C., Atlanta, Ga., via Southern Railway; Atlanta, Ga., to Macon, Ga., and return, via Southern Railway; Atlanta, Ga., to Birmingham, Ala., via Southern Railway; Birmingham, Ala., to Meridian, Miss., via A. G. S. Railway; Meridian, Miss., to Mobile, Ala., via M. O. Railway; Mobile, Ala., to New Orleans, La., via L. and N. Railway; New Orleans, La., to El Paso, Tex., via Southern Pacific (A. S.); El Paso, Tex., to Los Angeles, Cal., via Southern Pacific (P. S.). The journey was made in the latter part of the year 1895.

The young man, a laboring man of limited means, would not be satisfied until he had relieved himself of the obligation he felt he was under to the different roads in question. The general passenger agent replied that he would accept for his road and the lines in interest at the lowest regular fare rate in effect from Roanoke to Los Angeles, which was at that time \$65.45, and that, upon receipt of this amount would apportion it to each line. Almost by return mail a draft for the amount was received and the distribution was made.

Notice to Contractors.

Building contractors desiring to bid on the New Depot building will please call on the undersigned, Chief Engineer of S. M. & A. R. R. who will exhibit plans and specifications and receive bids. JAS. F. BROOKS.

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